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Three sheets including this page
Claim 1.(amended)
Appendix w/ Claim 1 corrected

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Appendix

Original Claim 1 is shown below, with the errors corrected and clarified.

The text to be removed is shown using ~~strikeout-type~~.

The replacement text is shown using ***bold italic***.

Claim 1 (corrected)

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1. A folding tie, comprising:

- a) a foldable support element having a plurality of opposing major sides;
- b) at least two male fastening members on said opposing major sides of said support element, respectively; and
- c) at least two female fastening members on said opposing major sides of said support element, respectively; whereby, when said support element is folded, at least one of said ~~female~~ ***male*** fastening members, will be detachably joined to at least one of said female fastening members, to form a releasable couple.